



Docket 17376 (BOT)

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: LANCE E. STEWARD, et al.

Examiner: A.M. Navarro

Serial Number: 10/004,230

Art Unit: 1645

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Conf. No. 7851

For: MODIFIED CLOSTRIDIAL
NEUROTOXINS WITH ALTERED
BIOLOGICAL PERSISTENCE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

REMARKS

I. The Office Action

The March 19, 2003 office action (the "Office Action") in this application requested applicant to restrict to one of:

1. Group I, claims 1-7, and;
2. Group II, claim 8.

II. Election with Traverse

Applicant elects Group I claims 1-7

Applicants traverse on the basis that since all of claims 1-8 are limited to a modified neurotoxin, a single search should suffice for all the claims.

Claim 8 is cancelled without prejudice to further prosecution at a later date.